

Claims

1. An infrared imaging device comprising  
a plurality of thermal resistors arranged  
one-dimensionally or two-dimensionally, wherein  
5 each of the thermal resistors is composed of a  
strongly-correlated electron material.
2. The infrared imaging device of Claim 1, wherein  
the thermal resistor is a metal oxide having a perovskite  
10 structure and including at least one of a rare earth metal and  
an alkaline earth metal.
3. The infrared imaging device of Claim 1 further comprising  
a detecting unit operable to detect an amount of received  
15 infrared light using the thermal resistor wherein,  
the plurality of thermal resistors and the detecting unit  
are formed on a common semiconductor substrate.
4. An infrared camera comprising a plurality of thermal  
20 resistors arranged one-dimensionally or two-dimensionally,  
and generating image data by detecting an amount of received  
infrared light using the thermal resistors, wherein  
the thermal resistor is composed of a strongly-correlated  
electron material.  
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5. An infrared detector that detects an amount of received  
infrared light using a thermal resistor, wherein  
the thermal resistor is composed of  $\text{Pr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{MnO}_3$  having

a perovskite structure in which at least one of replacement of a part of Pr with a different a rare earth metal and replacement of a part of Ca with a different alkaline earth metal is performed.

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6. An infrared detector that detects an amount of received infrared light using a thermal resistor, wherein

the thermal resistor is composed of  $\text{LaTiO}_3$  having a perovskite structure in which a part of La is replaced with an  
10 alkaline earth metal.

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7. An infrared detector that detects an amount of received infrared light using a thermal resistor, wherein

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the thermal resistor is composed of  $\text{RNiO}_3$  having a perovskite structure and including R in which a part of R is replaced with an alkaline earth metal, where R is an yttrium or a rare earth metal.

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8. The infrared detector of Claim 7, wherein

R in the  $\text{RNiO}_3$  is made by compounding two or more elements from among the yttrium and the rare earth metal.

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9. The infrared detector Claim 7, wherein

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the thermal resistor is composed of  $\text{RNiO}_3$  in which a part of R is replaced with an alkaline earth metal.

10. An infrared detector comprising:

a thermal resistor composed of a metal oxide having a

perovskite structure;

a magnetic field applying unit operable to apply a magnetic field to the thermal resistor; and  
a detecting unit operable to, in a state where the magnetic field  
5 is being applied to the thermal resistor by the magnetic field  
applying unit, detect an amount of received infrared light using  
the thermal resistor.

11. The infrared detector of Claim 10 further comprising  
10 a changing unit operable to cause the magnetic field  
applying unit to change an intensity of the magnetic field.

12. An infrared detector that detects an amount of received  
infrared light using a thermal resistor, wherein  
15 the thermal resistor is composed of a metal oxide having  
a perovskite structure, and is formed on an insulator having  
a perovskite structure whose lattice constant differs from a  
lattice constant of the thermal resistor.

20 13. An infrared detector comprising:  
a thermal resistor composed of a metal oxide having a  
perovskite structure;  
a stress applying unit operable to apply a stress to the  
thermal resistor; and  
25 a detecting unit operable to, in a state where the stress  
is being applied to the thermal resistor by the stress applying  
unit, detect an amount of received infrared light using the  
thermal resistor.

14. The infrared detector of Claim 13 further comprising  
a changing unit operable to cause the stress applying unit  
to change an intensity of the stress.

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15. An infrared detector comprising:  
a thermal resistor composed of a metal oxide having a  
perovskite structure;  
an electric field applying unit operable to apply an  
10 electric field to the thermal resistor; and  
a detecting unit operable to, in a state where the electric  
field is being applied to the thermal resistor by the electric  
field applying unit, detect an amount of received infrared light  
using the thermal resistor.

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16. The infrared detector of Claim 15 further comprising  
a changing unit operable to cause the electric field  
applying unit to change an intensity of the electric field.

20 17. An infrared detector that detects an amount of received  
infrared light using a thermal resistor, wherein  
the thermal resistor is composed of  $Pr_{1-x}Ca_xMnO_3$  having  
a perovskite structure, to which a metal oxide having a  
perovskite structure is added, the metal oxide including at  
25 least one of a rare earth metal excepting Pr and an alkaline  
earth metal excepting Ca.

18. The infrared detector of Claim 17, wherein

the metal oxide is any of a manganese oxide, a titanium oxide, an aluminum oxide, a gallium oxide, and a cobalt oxide.